MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED POLICY

Public Act 280 of 1939, as amended, and consultation guidelines for Medicaid policy provide an opportunity to review proposed changes in Medicaid policies and procedures.

Please review the policy summary and the attached materials that describe the specific changes being proposed. Let us know why you support the change or oppose the change.

Submit your comments to the analyst by the due date specified. Your comments must be received by the due date to be considered for the final policy bulletin.

Thank you for participating in the consultation process.

Director,

Bureau of Medicaid Policy, Operations, and Actuarial Services

Project 2130-CSHCS Comments January 20, Proposed March 1, Due: 2022 Effective Date: 2022

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Policy Subject: Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Non-Emergency

Medical Transportation (NEMT)

Affected Programs: CSHCS

Distribution: Local Health Departments (LHDs)

Policy Summary: This policy removes the requirement that families/individuals obtain approval from the LHD for NEMT prior to travel to be eligible for reimbursement.

Purpose: To reduce barriers to reimbursement of NEMT ground transportation and lodging expenses. This change will assist families/individuals in receiving NEMT reimbursement without obtaining written approval prior to travel. All other requirements for NEMT reimbursement remain unchanged.

Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Health and Aging Services Administration

Distribution: Local Health Departments (LHDs)

Issued: January 28, 2022 (Proposed)

Subject: Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Non-Emergency

Medical Transportation (NEMT)

Effective: March 1, 2022 (Proposed)

Programs Affected: CSHCS

The purpose of this bulletin is to update requirements for CSHCS-enrolled families/individuals to receive reimbursement for NEMT ground transportation and lodging expenses.

CSHCS NEMT Prior Authorization

Families and individuals enrolled in CSHCS will no longer be required to obtain prior authorization from the LHD to be eligible for reimbursement of expenses associated with instate NEMT ground transportation and lodging to obtain qualifying medical care and treatment from a CSHCS approved provider. Families and individuals are encouraged to contact their LHD representative prior to travel to ensure that travel meets reimbursement requirements but will no longer be required to obtain written authorization prior to travel taking place. Requests for NEMT reimbursement should be submitted to the LHD within 30 days of travel. All requests for reimbursement must be received by Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) within 90 days of travel to be considered for payment.

This policy change applies only to non-emergency ground transportation and lodging and does not change prior authorization requirements for air transportation or out-of-state medical care. This policy applies to CSHCS reimbursement of NEMT only and does not change requirements that may be in place through commercial insurance, Medicaid, or Medicaid Health Plans. Beneficiaries enrolled in Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) or in a Medicaid Health Plan receiving Medicaid-covered services must follow Medicaid requirements to receive NEMT. All other requirements of CSHCS NEMT assistance remain unchanged.